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# **JAMAICAN MAN SENTENCED TO 3 LIFE SENTENCES FOR TRIPLE MURDER IN TEMPE**

PHOENIX – Lloyd George Sinclair, 34, of Kingston, Jamaica, was sentenced here today to three consecutive life sentences plus 25 years by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia. Sinclair was found guilty by a federal jury on September 24, 2004, of Count 1 - Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1956; Count 2 - Conspiracy With the Intent to Distribute 1000 kilograms or more of Marijuana in violation of Title 21, U.S. Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 846; and Counts 3, 4 and 5 - Possession or Use of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Offense in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 924(c) and 924 (j)(1), for the murders of Pedro Leon, Jesus Mungary and Isaac Corea.

This case involved a drug trafficking organization established in the early 1990's based in Queens, New York and Phoenix. The objective of this organization was to transport large quantities of marijuana from Phoenix to New York City and other east coast destinations where it would be distributed. The organization used postal express companies and tractor trailers to transport multiple kilogram quantities of marijuana that were obtained from Mexican sources of supply. Members were recruited by the leaders to provide the following services: manage stash houses and apartments in the Phoenix area and in New York City, to cut and package loads of marijuana, to ship boxes of marijuana across the country, to serve as drivers of tractor trailers that transported marijuana from Phoenix to New York, to serve as couriers to transport money between Phoenix and New York City and to serve as enforcers to use violence to carry out the objectives of the organization. It was not uncommon for loads of marijuana to be stolen, sometimes by force, by competing factions within the organization or rival organizations.

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In 1999, a law enforcement investigation of this drug trafficking organization left a void in its leadership. Approximately 12 defendants were indicted, arrested and prosecuted in 1999 and 2000. This prosecution in 1999 and 2000 incarcerated the leadership of the organization, which at the time was Clifton Blake, aka Uncle; Baldwin Rose, aka Bally; and Courtney Taylor. All of the defendants in that prosecution pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison. As a result, the remaining members of the organization did not have readily available funds to make purchases of marijuana in Arizona with the same frequency or in the same amounts.

As the investigation continued, law enforcement was able to interdict and seize money from the remaining members of this organization. As a result of the money seizures, the members of the organization decided to resort to violence to obtain a large quantity of marijuana. On June 30, 2000, Lloyd Sinclair and others planned to rip-off their Mexican source of supply because they did not have any money. The group ordered over 100 pounds of marijuana to be delivered to an apartment in Tempe, Ariz. Isaac Correa-Lopez, Pedro Leon and Jesus Mungary arrived at the apartment with the marijuana. The planned rip-off then took place and victim Jesus Mungary was shot once in the head. Victim Pedro Leon was shot once in the head and stabbed one time in the chest. Victim Isaac Correa-Lopez was shot once in the head and once in the chest. Additionally, Isaac Correa-Lopez was stabbed 24 times in the upper torso. The marijuana was stolen and shipped back to New York.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Marshal's Service, Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Tempe Police Department.

The sentencing breakdown for Sinclair is as follows: 57 months in prison for count 1, life imprisonment for count 2, life imprisonment for count 3, life imprisonment for Count 4, and 25 years in prison for count 5. The court ordered that counts 2 through 5 will run consecutively, meaning that Sinclair was sentenced to three consecutive life imprisonment terms to run consecutive to 25 years in prison.

The prosecution was handled by Kevin M. Rapp and Keith E. Vercauteren, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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